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THE AMAZING ADVENTURES OF
FANTOMIUS
-LADRO GENTILUOMO-
~ GENTLEMAN THIEF ~
Walt Disney
DUCKBURG, 1920. THE EXCLUSIVE GOLF CLUB: GREEN DUCK.
BEND YOUR KNEES MORE, BARON!
GOLF CLUB
BE QUIET, LORD QUACKETT! THIS HOLE IS DECISIVE. I NEED TO CONCENTRATE!
BEHIND THE IDENTITY OF LORD QUACKETT, AN INEPT AND MESSY GENTLE DUCK, LIES FANTOMIUS, A FAMOUS GENTLEMAN THIEF WHOSE DIARIES WILL INSPIRE A CERTAIN DUCK TO BECOME DUCK AVENGER!
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GULP!
ETCHUM
SWOCK
YOU MADE ME MISS!
DON'T BLAME ME FOR YOUR MISTAKE!
PROOOF

IT WAS YOUR INCOMPETENCE'S FAULT!
I SHOULD REMIND YOU THAT GOLF REQUIRES SELF-CONTROL!
MY TURN! I'LL SHOW YOU THE SECRET TO THE PERFECT SWING.
!
SWISH
KNEES BENT, EYES FIXED ON THE BALL, CLUB HELD NATURALLY...
AHIA !
BONK
SQUISH
GULP!
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU, BARON? IT LOOKS LIKE YOU GOT HIT BY A TRAM!
A TRAM WOULD'VE BEEN MORE DELICATE THAN THAT DUCK!
GOLF
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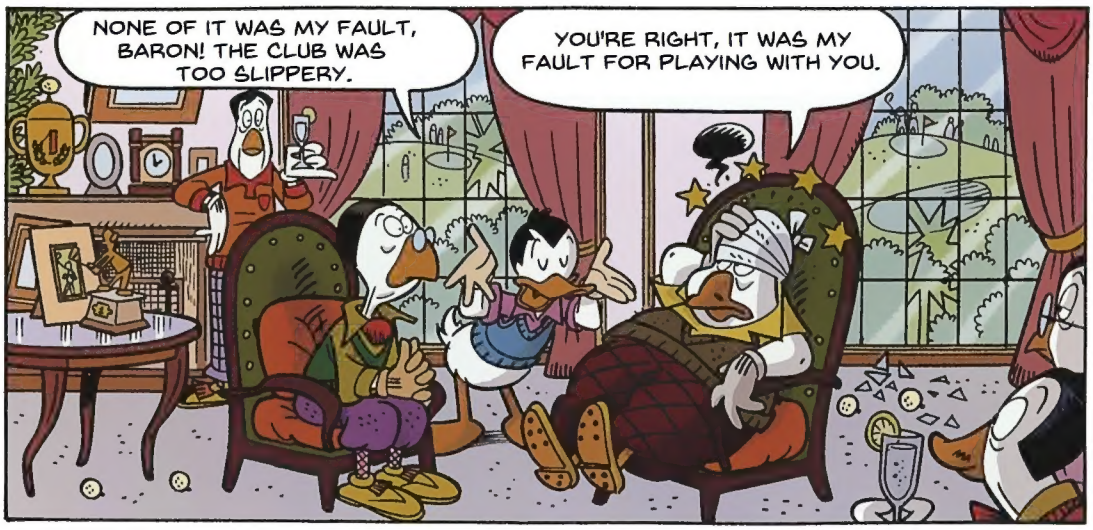
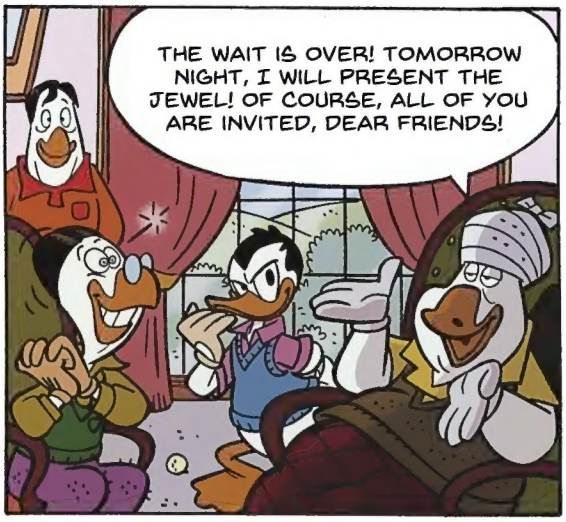
CLUB
GREEN DUCK


NONE OF IT WAS MY FAULT, BARON! THE CLUB WAS TOO SLIPPERY.
YOU'RE RIGHT, IT WAS MY FAULT FOR PLAYING WITH YOU.

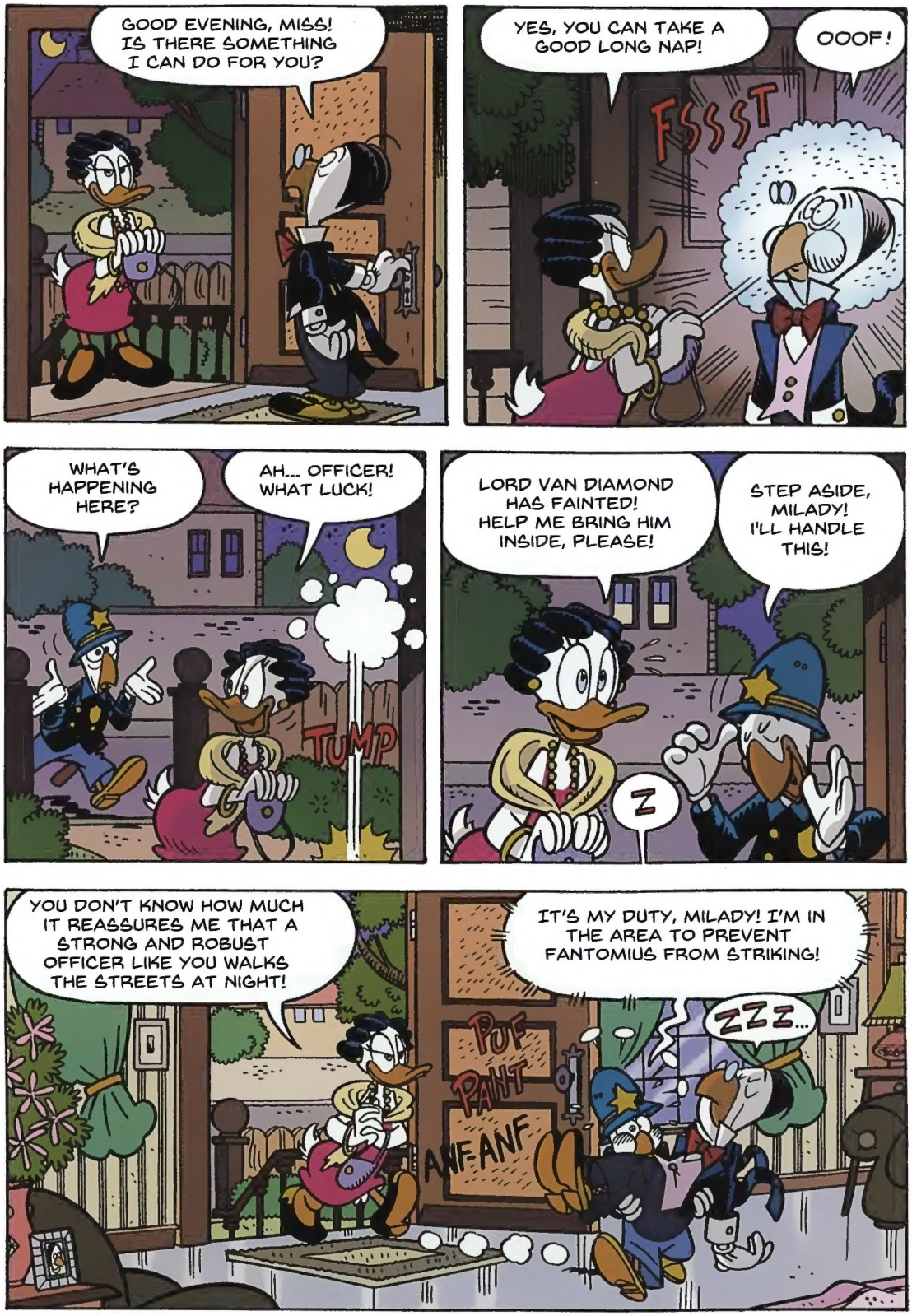
DON'T THINK ABOUT IT ANYMORE, DEAR FRIEND! RATHER, WHEN WILL YOU SHOW US YOUR LATEST, EXTRAVAGANT PURCHASE?

I CANNOT WAIT TO ADMIRE MONTE ROSA, THE BIGGEST DIAMOND IN THE WORLD!
I UNDERSTAND YOUR IMPATIENCE SINCE YOU'RE A JEWEL EXPERT, DEAR VAN DIAMOND!

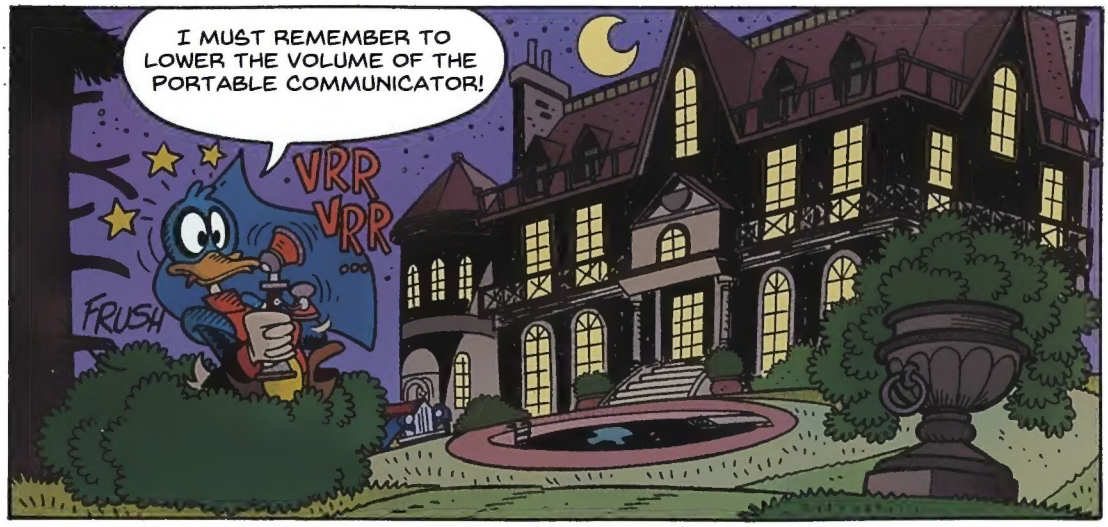

THE WAIT IS OVER! TOMORROW NIGHT, I WILL PRESENT THE JEWEL! OF COURSE, ALL OF YOU ARE INVITED, DEAR FRIENDS!

EVERYBODY EXCEPT LORD QUACKETT!
WE'LL SEE, BARON. FANTOMIUS DOES NOT NEED AN INVITATION!

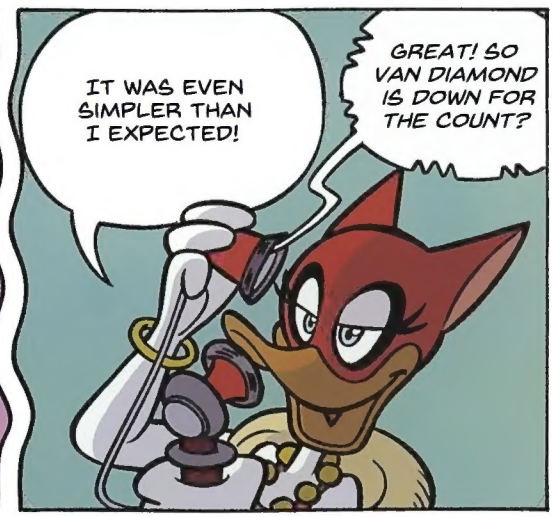
IL MONTE ROSA
THE NEXT NIGHT AT THE PRESENTATION...
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR, BARON? SHOW US THE DIAMOND!
A LITTLE BIT OF PATIENCE, SIR! MY FRIEND, VAN DIAMOND, WILL BE HERE IN A MOMENT!
WILL I EVER MAKE IT AT THIS RATE??
DRIIIN-DRIN


GOOD EVENING, MISS! IS THERE SOMETHING I CAN DO FOR YOU?
YES, YOU CAN TAKE A GOOD LONG NAP!
OOOF!
FSSST
WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE?
AH... OFFICER! WHAT LUCK!
TUMP
LORD VAN DIAMOND HAS FAINTED! HELP ME BRING HIM INSIDE, PLEASE!
STEP ASIDE, MILADY! I'LL HANDLE THIS!
Z
YOU DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH IT REASSURES ME THAT A STRONG AND ROBUST OFFICER LIKE YOU WALKS THE STREETS AT NIGHT!
IT'S MY DUTY, MILADY! I'M IN THE AREA TO PREVENT FANTOMIUS FROM STRIKING!
ZZZ...
PUF
PAINT
ANF-ANF

OH, FANTOMIUS?! I SHUDDER AT THE THOUGHT!
DON'T WORRY, I'M HERE!
ZZz
ANF-ANF
SPLONF
IS IT TRUE THAT HIS EQUALLY CUNNING FIANCÉE, DOLLY PAPRIKA, HELPS HIM IN HIS EXPLOITS?
I'M NOT SURE, MISS. BUT YOU SHOULDN'T LOSE SLEEP OVER MASKED DUCKS.
VERY WELL, OFFICER! SAY GOODNIGHT!
OOOF!
FSSSSSS
MISSION ACCOMPLISHED! NOW WE CAN MOVE TO THE NEXT PHASE OF THE PLAN!
WLOP
G-GULP!
VRR-
VRR-
VRR...
VRR-
VRR-
VRR...
OW!!
FRUSH


I MUST REMEMBER TO LOWER THE VOLUME OF THE PORTABLE COMMUNICATOR!
VRR VRR
FRUSH

HELLO?
EVERYTHING ALRIGHT, DEAR?
YES! ...MORE OR LESS. YOU?


IT WAS EVEN SIMPLER THAN I EXPECTED!
GREAT! SO VAN DIAMOND IS DOWN FOR THE COUNT?

YES! AND A KIND OFFICER HELPED ME CARRY HIM BACK... AFTER THAT, I TOOK CARE OF HIM TOO.
ZZZ...
ZZZ...

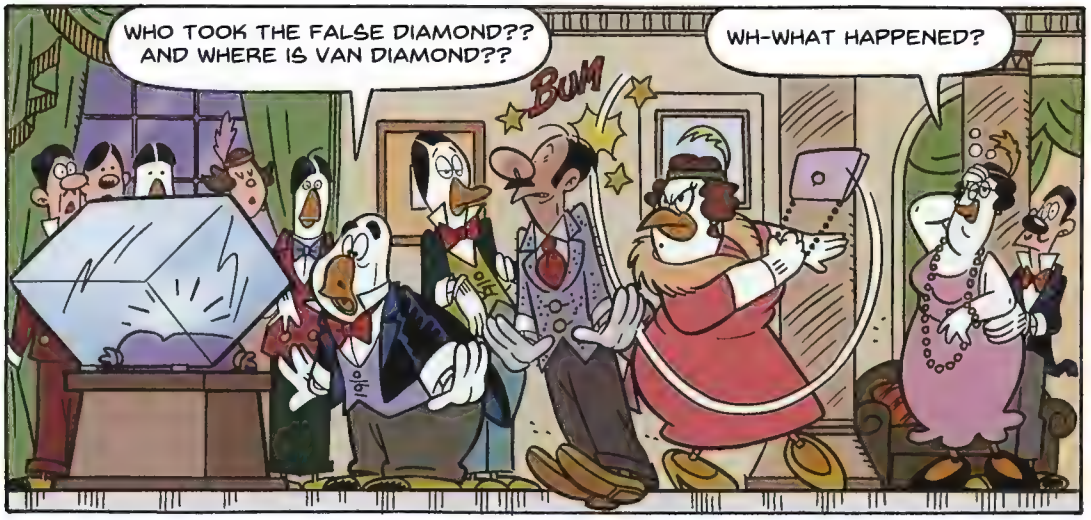
NOW, WHILE OUR FRIEND IS OUT SNORING...
CLICK

CLOMP
FANTOMIUS ENTERS THE SCENE!
LORD VAN DIAMOND!
OH, FINALLY YOU'RE HERE, DEAR FRIEND!
APOLOGIES FOR MY LATENESS!
I SEE COMMISSIONER PINKO IS WITH US! FEARING THE ARRIVAL OF FANTOMIUS, SIR?
FEARING? I'M HOPING HE ARRIVES, MILORD!
IF THAT RASCAL DARES TO SHOW UP TONIGHT, IT WOULD BE HIS LAST ROBBERY!
IT'S NOT THE FIRST TIME YOU AFFIRM SUCH A THING, AND YET, THE PHANTOM THIEF HAS ALWAYS ESCAPED YOU!

ONLY BY LUCK! BUT THIS TIME, IF HE SHOWS HIS BEAK HERE, HE WILL NOT GET AWAY!
YOUR REASSURANCE COMFORTS ME, COMMISSIONER.
BUT ENOUGH BANTER! WHAT DO YOU THINK, BARON? SHOW US MONTE ROSA?
CERTAINLY!
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, HERE IS! THE EIGHTH WONDER OF THE WORLD!
SWISH
OOOH !
WITHOUT A DOUBT, IT'S A MASTERPIECE! BUT... IT'S FAKE!
WHAT?? THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
?

OPEN THE CASE AND LET ME EXAMINE THE DIAMOND CLOSELY!
OF COURSE!
I'LL BE THE ONE TO OPEN THE CASE!
OF COURSE, COMMISSIONER! HERE IS THE KEY!
THIS COULD BE A TRICK OF FANTOMIUS!
I WAS NOT WRONG, IT'S A FAKE!
B-BUT WHO...?!
LOOK! A BUSINESS CARD!
SWIISSS.
JUST AS WE FEARED!
FANTÔMIUS
LADRO GENTILUOM
FAINTS
OH NO! THAT RASCAL STOLE THE DIAMOND AND REPLACED IT WITH A PERFECT COPY!

CHECK EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING! IF THAT RASCAL IS STILL HERE, WE'LL FIND HIM!
THAT DRESS IS SUSPICIOUS! ARE YOU HIDING SOMETHING IN THERE?
?
HOW DARE YOU! THIS DRESS IS VERY "IN"!
ALFONSO! DEFEND ME!
YOU'RE DEFENDING YOURSELF PERFECTLY, EUGENIA!
BUM
OW!
HEHE! NOBODY CARES ABOUT ME IN THIS CONFUSION!
BUM-BUM
AND THE MASK IS NO LONGER NEEDED!
SWISH
BUM-BUM


WHO TOOK THE FALSE DIAMOND?? AND WHERE IS VAN DIAMOND??
BUM
WH-WHAT HAPPENED?

IT WAS ALL A TRICK!

VAN DIAMOND WAS FANTOMIUS IN DISGUISE! AND HE STOLE THE DIAMOND!
FAINTS AGAIN

LET'S LOOK FOR HIM! THAT RASCAL MUST STILL BE NEARBY!

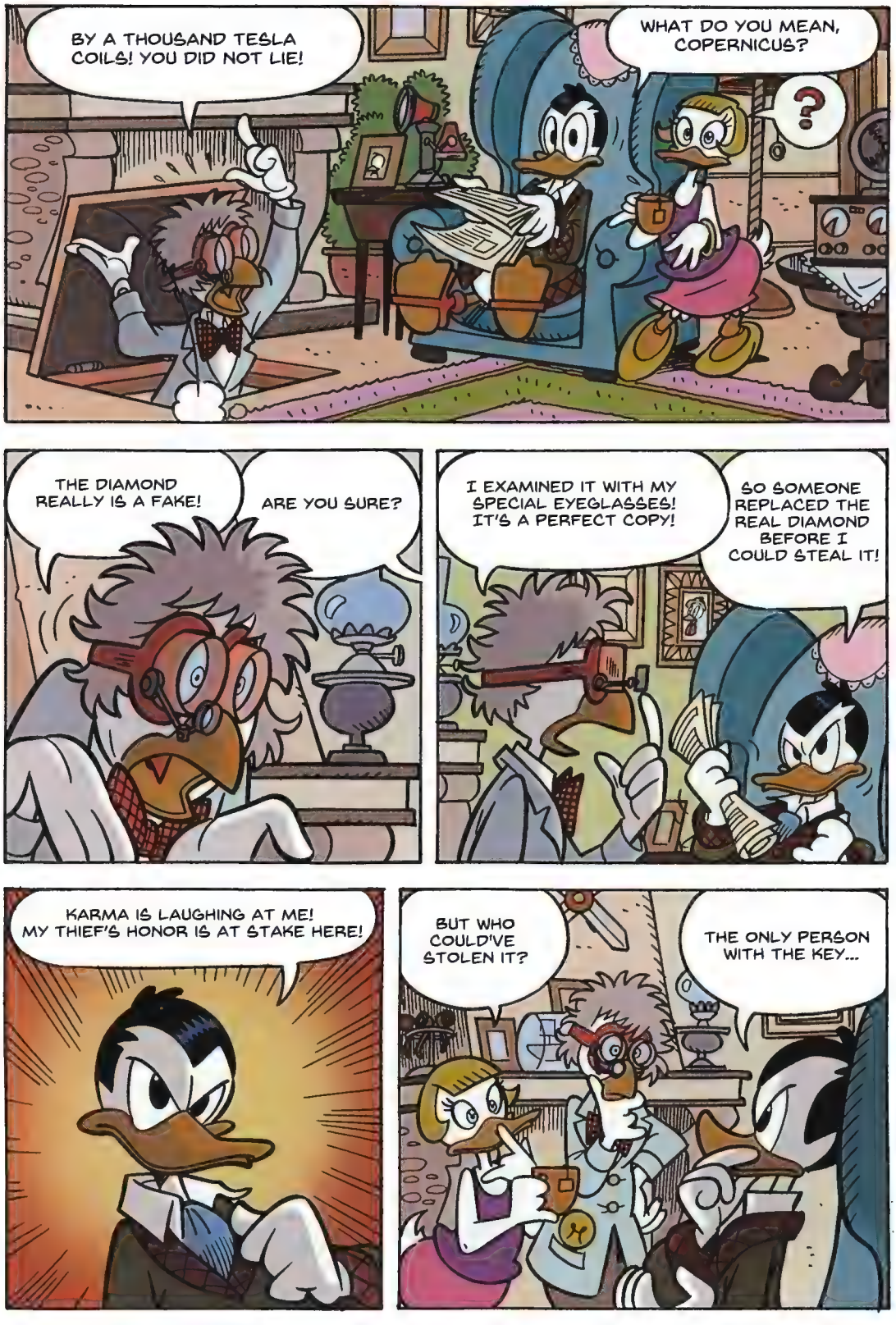
WHILE THE POLICE SEARCH THE HOUSE, FANTOMIUS MAKES HIS EXIT!

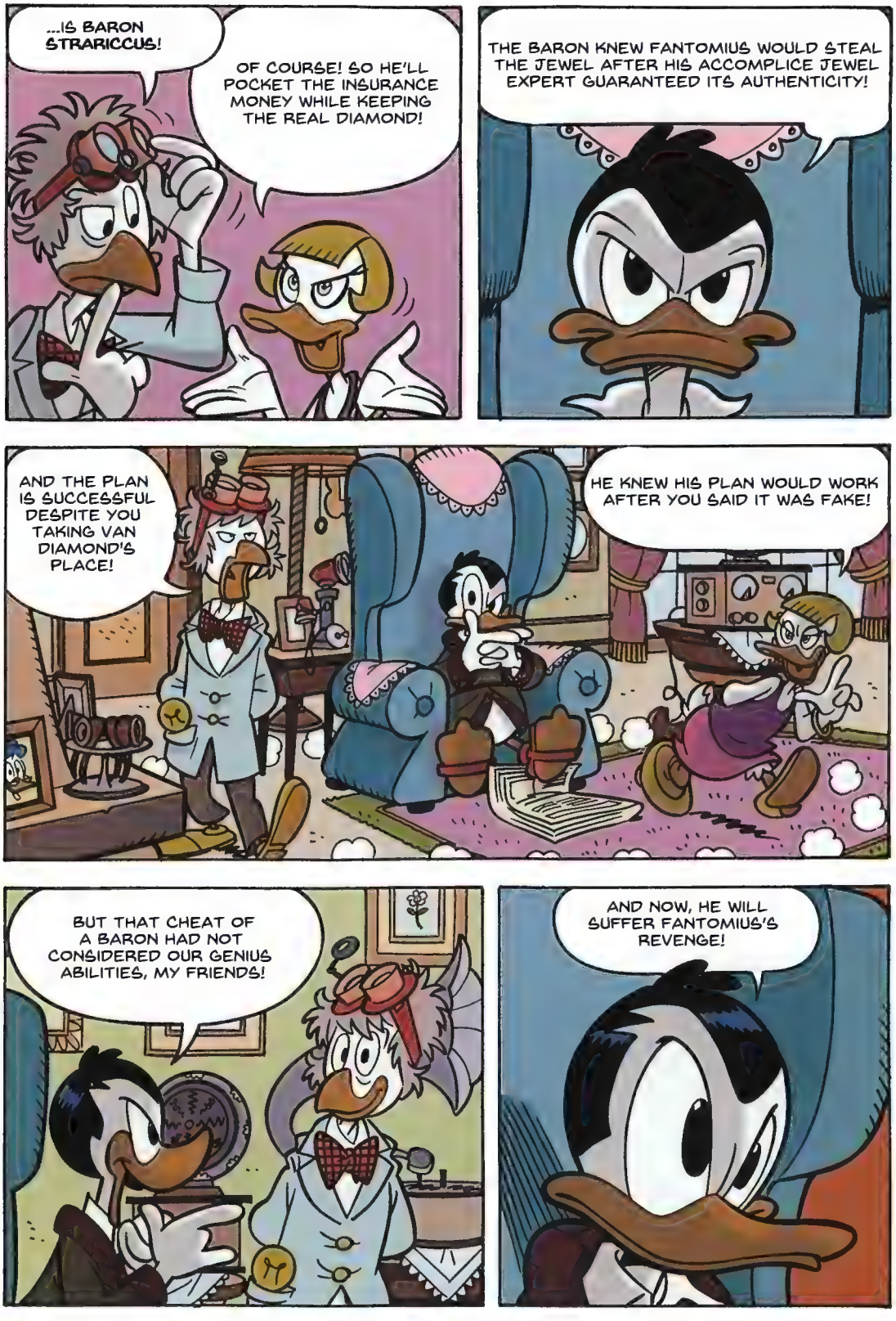
I'M ON THE ROOF READY FOR PICKUP!
MESSAGE RECIEVED!
HUFF!! STOP.... HHHH RIGHT THERE... HUFF! YOU HEATHEN !! PANT!
?
DEAR COMMISSIONER, YOU'RE OUT OF BREATH! YOU SHOULD CHASE ME MORE OFTEN!
ANF-ANF
YOU'RE FINISHED GETTING THE LAST LAUGH, FANTOMIUS! THIS TIME, YOU HAVE NOWHERE TO GO!
YOU WERE SAYING?
SFLAP
STOP...! AUGH!
ZOW
SWISH

HELLO, COMMISSIONER! FANCY A MIDNIGHT SWIM?
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
POT-POT-POT
Po...
POT-
SPLASH
THAT WAS A GREAT DIVE! YOU SHOULD GIVE YOURSELF TO THE SPORT!
FORTUNATELY, THE POOL IS ALWAYS FULL!
YES! FULL OF THE BARON'S PIRANHAS!
AAAHHHHH.

THE NEXT MORNING AT VILLA ROSA, WHERE LORD QUACKETT LIVES TOGETHER WITH DOLLY AND THEIR EXTRAVAGANT INVENTOR FRIEND, COPERNICUS...
"BARON STRARICCUS RECEIVES A STRATOSPHERIC AMOUNT FROM HIS INSURANCE FOR THE THEFT OF MONTE ROSA!"
VILLA ROSA
WELL, THE DIAMOND WAS QUITE PRECIOUS DEAR...

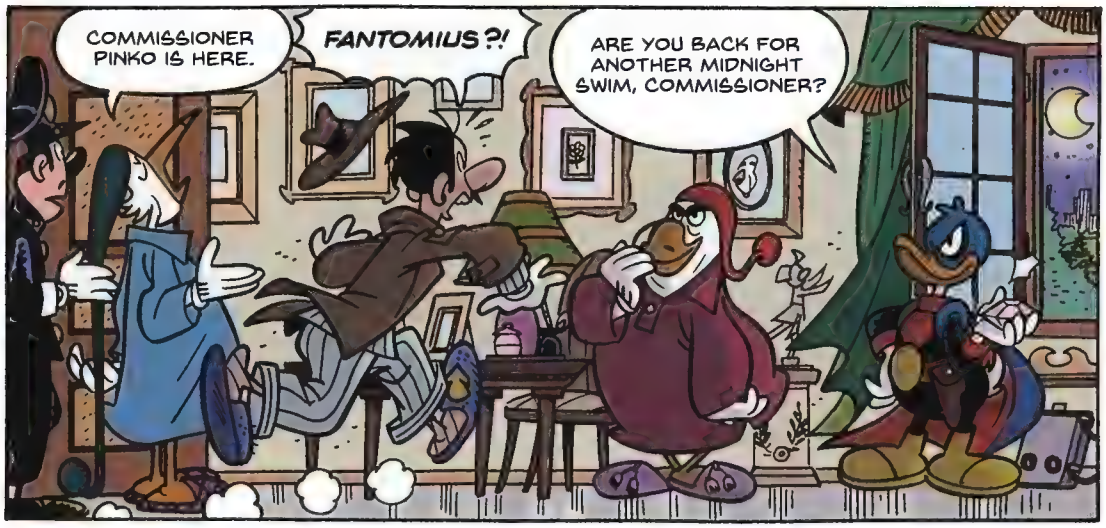
IN FACT, THE CASE WAS THEFT-PROOF!
IT WAS A GREAT IDEA LETTING PINKO OPEN THE CASE AND SAY IT WAS A FALSE DIAMOND!


BY A THOUSAND TESLA COILS! YOU DID NOT LIE!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, COPERNICUS?
?
THE DIAMOND REALLY IS A FAKE!
ARE YOU SURE?
I EXAMINED IT WITH MY SPECIAL EYEGLASSES! IT'S A PERFECT COPY!
SO SOMEONE REPLACED THE REAL DIAMOND BEFORE I COULD STEAL IT!
KARMA IS LAUGHING AT ME! MY THIEF'S HONOR IS AT STAKE HERE!
BUT WHO COULD'VE STOLEN IT?
THE ONLY PERSON WITH THE KEY...


...IS BARON STRARICCUS!
OF COURSE! SO HE'LL POCKET THE INSURANCE MONEY WHILE KEEPING THE REAL DIAMOND!
THE BARON KNEW FANTOMIUS WOULD STEAL THE JEWEL AFTER HIS ACCOMPLICE JEWEL EXPERT GUARANTEED ITS AUTHENTICITY!
AND THE PLAN IS SUCCESSFUL DESPITE YOU TAKING VAN DIAMOND'S PLACE!
HE KNEW HIS PLAN WOULD WORK AFTER YOU SAID IT WAS FAKE!
BUT THAT CHEAT OF A BARON HAD NOT CONSIDERED OUR GENIUS ABILITIES, MY FRIENDS!
AND NOW, HE WILL SUFFER FANTOMIUS'S REVENGE!

QUELLA NOTTE...
ZZZ...
WAKE UP, BARON!
UH?
AH! FANTOMIUS?! AM I DREAMING??
THIS ISN'T A DREAM. IT'S A NIGHTMARE!
WHAT ELSE COULD YOU POSSIBLY WANT? YOU ALREADY HAVE THE DIAMOND!
I BROUGHT YOU YOUR TOY...
SWISH
AND YOU CAN HAVE IT BACK!
BONK
SWISH
GULP!

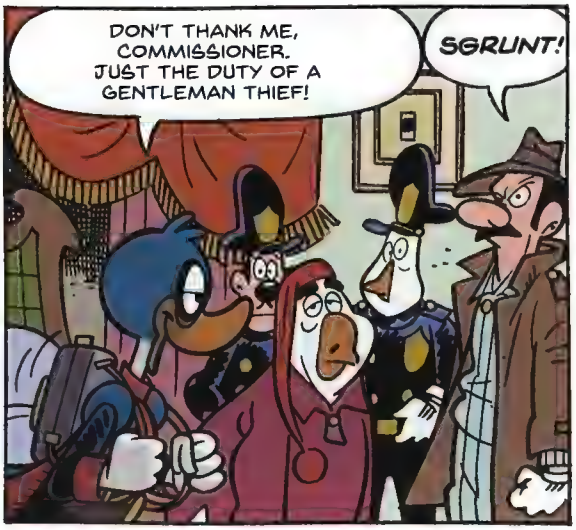
I PREFER THE REAL ONE!
THE MONTE ROSA!!
SWISH
I STOLE IT, AND A LITTLE EXTRA MONEY, FROM YOUR SAFE TO COMPENSATE FOR MY TROUBLES!
HEH HEH!
FRUSH
YOU FELL INTO RIGHT INTO MY TRAP!
THE SAFE IS CONNECTED TO AN ALARM AT THE POLICE STATION! THE POLICE ARE ON THEIR WAY!
WEEEE-WEEEEEE
I ALREADY HEAR SIRENS! YOU HAVE NO ESCAPE, FANTOMIUS!
HEHE!


COMMISSIONER PINKO IS HERE.
FANTOMIUS?!
ARE YOU BACK FOR ANOTHER MIDNIGHT SWIM, COMMISSIONER?

QUICKLY! ARREST HIM! THAT RASCAL STOLE MONTE ROSA!
AGAIN?

DID HE NOT STEAL IT LAST NIGHT??
OH NO! I TRICKED MYSELF!

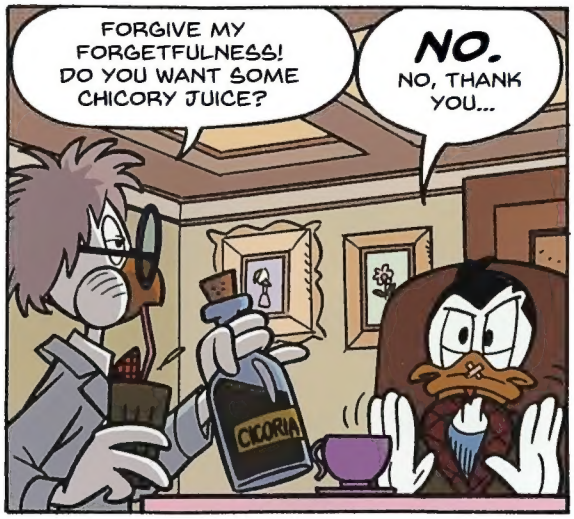
THAT WAS A FAKE IN WHICH THE BARON COMMITTED INSURANCE FRAUD! FORTUNATELY, IT DIDN'T TRICK ME!

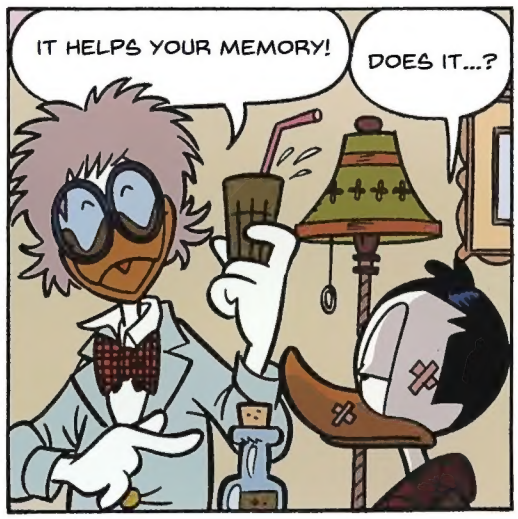

DON'T THANK ME, COMMISSIONER. JUST THE DUTY OF A GENTLEMAN THIEF!
SGRUNT!

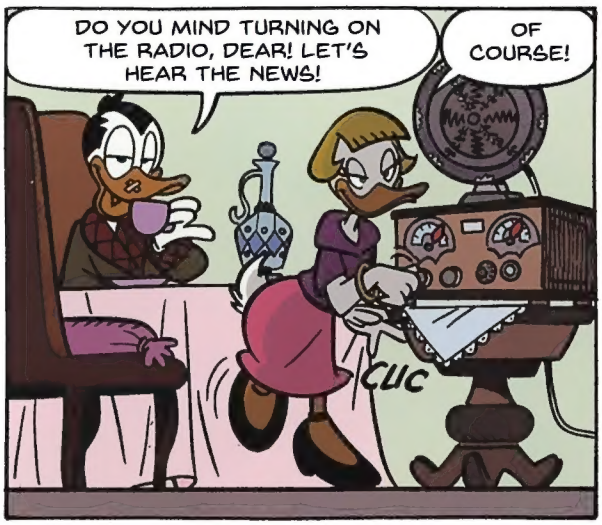
ARREST HIM.
UHM... WHICH ONE?
BOTH OF THEM!
SORRY, I CAN'T STAY!
BZZZ
BOING
GASP!
SEE YOU NEXT TIME, COMMISSIONER!
VRR-RRR-RRR
SBUF
NOT AGAIN! I'LL GET YOU SOONER OR LATER, YOU FIEND!

COMPLIMENTS, COPERNICUS! YOUR GIROROTOR WORKS PERFECTLY!
VRR-RRR-RRR-RR...
SBUF-SBUF
YOU DOUBTED ME, JOHN?
VRR-RRR-RRR...
SBUF-SBUF
I SEE DOLLY WAITING FOR ME AT THE AGREED PLACE! HOW DO I STOP?
SIMPLE! PULL THE RIGHT STRAP OF THE BACKPACK!
HEHE!
VRR... FLAP
?
SBUF-SBOF
STRAP
ZOW
!
UH! HOW DO I STOP FALLING?!
UH.
I MIGHT HAVE FORGOTTEN A TINY DETAIL...
YOU WHA-- AAAAAAAA!
ZOW
!
CRASH
FRUSH

THE NEXT MORNING...
YOU WERE LUCKY YOU FELL INTO THAT BUSH, DEAR!
I WOULD'VE BEEN LUCKIER IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR THOSE ROSES!


FORGIVE MY FORGETFULNESS! DO YOU WANT SOME CHICORY JUICE?
NO.
NO, THANK YOU...
CICORIA


IT HELPS YOUR MEMORY!
DOES IT...?


DO YOU MIND TURNING ON THE RADIO, DEAR! LET'S HEAR THE NEWS!
OF COURSE!
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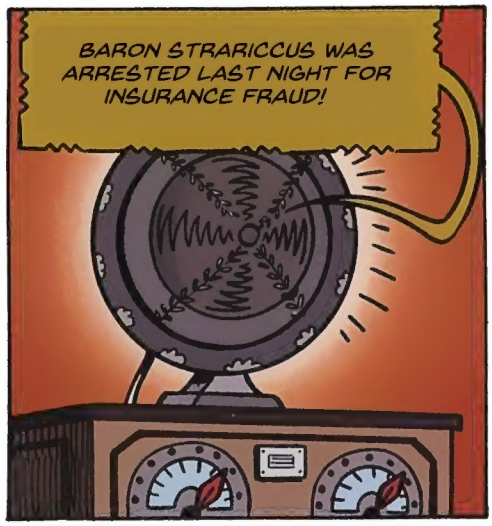
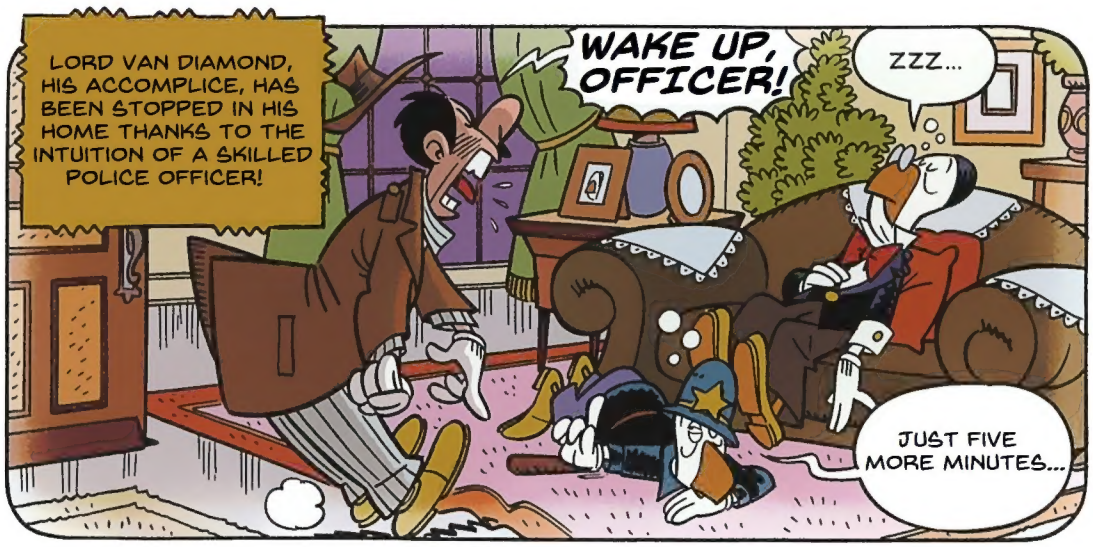
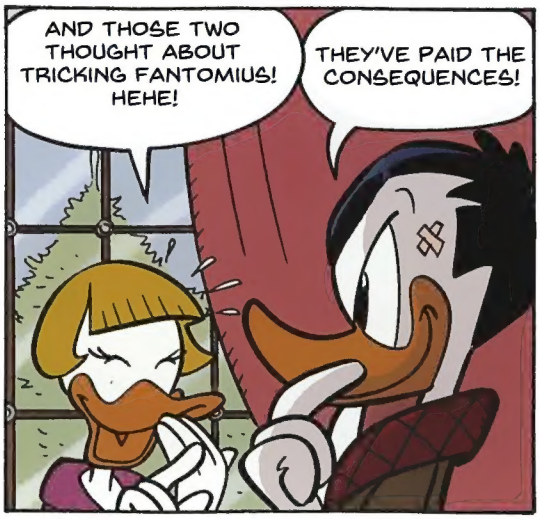
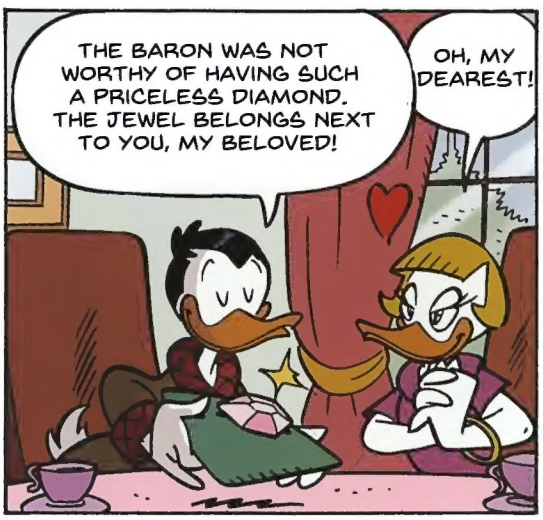
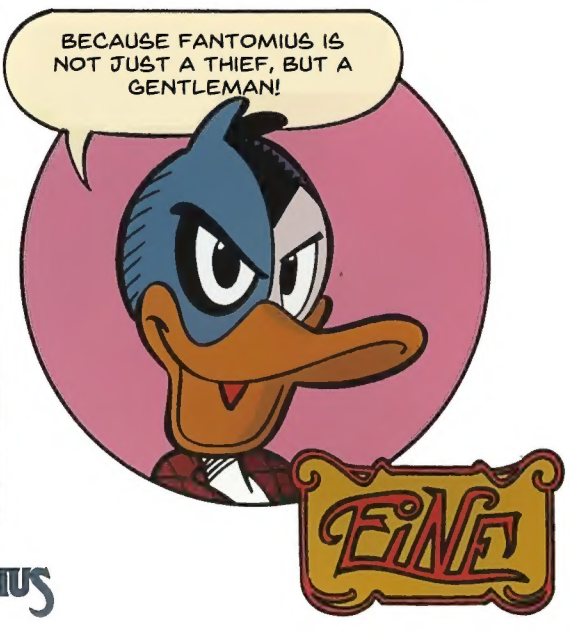

BARON STRARICCUS WAS ARRESTED LAST NIGHT FOR INSURANCE FRAUD!


LORD VAN DIAMOND, HIS ACCOMPLICE, HAS BEEN STOPPED IN HIS HOME THANKS TO THE INTUITION OF A SKILLED POLICE OFFICER!
WAKE UP, OFFICER!
ZZZ...
JUST FIVE MORE MINUTES...


AND THOSE TWO THOUGHT ABOUT TRICKING FANTOMIUS! HEHE!
THEY'VE PAID THE CONSEQUENCES!


THE BARON WAS NOT WORTHY OF HAVING SUCH A PRICELESS DIAMOND. THE JEWEL BELONGS NEXT TO YOU, MY BELOVED!
OH, MY DEAREST!

WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH THE BARON'S STOLEN MONEY, JOHN?
I'LL GIVE THEM TO THE POOR, AS USUAL!


BECAUSE FANTOMIUS IS NOT JUST A THIEF, BUT A GENTLEMAN!
FINE